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TO AMEMBASSY CAIRO PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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FOLLOWING REPEAT JIDDA 8101 SENT SECSTATE DEC 18.

QUOTE: S E C R E T JIDDA 8101

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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: RHODESIA CONFERENCE, NKOMO'S TRAVEL DURING THE RECESS

REF: (A) STATE 304038, (B) JIDDA 6340

1. DCM SPOKE WITH MFA DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS DECEMBER
18 AND PASSED TO HIM LETTER GIVING INFORMATION ON NKOMO
TRAVEL. DCM NOTED THAT NKOMO VISAS HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED
EARLIER (REF B) AND WE HOPED THAT MFA COULD, THEREFORE,
RAPIDLY INSTRUCT ITS CAIRO EMBASSY TO EXPEDITE NKOMO TRAVEL.

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2. DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS SAID THAT HE WOULD FIRST
GET IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH PRO-
GRAM FOR NKOMO -- THIS MIGHT TAKE A DAY OR TWO. AFTER THAT,
VISA AUTHORIZATIONS COULD IMMEDIATELY BE PROVIDED TO SAUDI
EMBASSY IN CAIRO. DCM SAID WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING
SCHEDULE INFO, AS WELL AS CONFIRMATION THAT AUTHORIZING

TELEGRAM HAD BEEN SENT, SO THAT WE COULD SO INFORM DEPARTMENT
AND AMEMBASSY CAIRO. DIRECTOR OF AFRICAN AFFAIRS SAID HE
WOULD BE IN TOUCH.

3. COMMENT: WE DID NOT RPT NOT PASS MESSAGE TO
MFA OFFICIALS OF NDHLOUV'S REQUEST FOR ROUND TRIP AIR-
LINE TICKETS. SAG THROUGHOUT YEAR RECEIVES NUMEROUS
HIGH-LEVEL DELEGATES, MANY OF WHOM ARE ASKING FOR SOME
SORT OF FINANCIAL AID (MORE THAN 100 MINISTERIAL-LEVEL
VISITORS CAME FOR PILGRIMAGE ALONE.) WE BELIEVE IF WE
WERE TO HAVE MENTIONED THE AIRLINE TICKETS, IT WOULD HAVE
SLOWED THINGS UP, PUT THE SAUDIS OFF, AND MADE MORE DIF-
FICULT ANY REPRESENTATIONS WE MIGHT LATER MAKE TO THE
SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT ON BEHALF OF AID FOR NKOMO OR
HIS COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

4. DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO REPEAT TO LUSAKA, CAIRO,
AND GENEVA. PORTER
UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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